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EXAMINING GROUP 2815**

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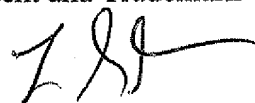
In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2008, applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks for entry of record in the above-identified patent application.

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